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Pure Michigan Hunt: Michigan’s Newest Hunting Opportunity

A new hunting opportunity in Michigan has been launched with the opening of the Pure Michigan Hunt application period. The Pure Michigan Hunt will allow three lucky individuals to hunt for elk, bear, spring and fall wild turkey, and antlerless deer. The successful applicants will also have first pick of hunting sites at managed waterfowl areas during the reserved hunt period.

The drawing is designed to increase opportunity for hunters to participate in some of Michigan’s most-prized hunts, making it a hunt of a lifetime for Michigan hunters. The Pure Michigan Hunt will allow individuals an additional opportunity to participate in our most in-demand, limited-access hunting opportunities through one application. This is an outstanding opportunity to get the full flavor of Michigan hunting.

The first Pure Michigan Hunt will be in 2010. Hunters may apply for this hunt beginning July 27 through December 31, 2009. The Pure Michigan Hunt is designed to be an annual event. Applications will cost \$4, but unlike other limited-access hunts, individuals can apply as many times as they wish. Being selected to participate in the Pure Michigan Hunt will not impact eligibility to apply for any other limited-access hunts. It will not negate any preference points for bear nor weighted chances for elk. Similarly, hunters who are disqualified from applying for future regular elk hunts because of past success will be eligible for the Pure Michigan Hunt. In addition, the applicants

who are chosen for the hunt are not excluded from future limited-access elk drawings.

Successful applicants can participate in any open season until they fill their tags and can hunt in any unit or hunt period that is open for hunting that species (except for bear on Drummond Island).

In addition, the DNR has a commitment from the archery industry to donate equipment to each of the three chosen hunters.

Applications will be available at all license vendors or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.



2009-2010 Michigan Hunting Season *CLIP AND SAVE*

NOTE: Consult the official **2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide** for the full hunting schedule and to determine hunting zones, bag limits, and special restrictions. Access it at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Species	S E A S O N D A T E S						
	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
Cottontail Rabbit & Varying Hare	SEPT. 15 - MAR. 31						
Youth & 100% Disabled Veterans Firearm	SEPT. 26-27						
Special Disabled Firearm Hunt		OCT. 15-18					
Archery		OCT. 1 - NOV. 14		DEC. 1 - JAN. 1			
Regular Firearm			NOV. 15-30				
Early/Late Firearm Anterless	SEPT. 17-21			DEC. 21 - JAN. 1			
Muzzleloading				DEC. 4-13 (ZONE 1) DEC. 11-20 (ZONE 2) DEC. 4-20 (ZONE 3)			
Pheasant (male)		OCT. 10-31 (ZONE 1) OCT. 20 - NOV. 14 (ZONES 2, 3)		DEC. 1 - JAN. 1 (RESTRICTED AREA, ZONE 3)			
Quail		OCT. 20 - NOV. 14					
Ruffed Grouse	SEPT. 15 - NOV. 14			DEC. 1 - JAN. 1			
Squirrel	SEPT. 15 - MAR. 1						
Fall Wild Turkey		OCT. 5 - NOV. 14 (SEE 2009 FALL TURKEY HUNTING GUIDE)					
Woodcock	SEPT. 19 - NOV. 2						

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RESOURCE GUIDE

E-License

www.mdnr-elicense.com

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources E-License system is designed to allow customers to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, special hunt applications and permits 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates. You will also be able to print most small game and fishing licenses using your own printer. Their goal is to make the license-buying process easier for customers who enjoy the great State of Michigan. Kill tags are available for sale on E-License. Expect kill tags to arrive within 7 business days of your purchase.

Hunting Weekend for Disabled

It is important that every person who enjoys the fresh air of the outdoors and the excitement of hunting has an opportunity to do so. Every year Michigan sets aside a special deer hunting weekend for those who are disabled. This year that weekend is **October 15 through 18**.

This weekend gives those who are disabled a truly unique opportunity to experience the joys of hunting. Please encourage those who are disabled to take advantage of this weekend because this is more than just about hunting; it is about providing an opportunity to someone who might not otherwise have had one.

To further help these individuals, I am currently exploring new legislation that will allow greater access for the disabled to hunting land across Michigan. Please visit www.michigan.gov/dnr for more information on the special disabled firearm hunt weekend.

Dear Friend,

It is time to begin planning for the Michigan tradition of hunting. There are many different hunting options. With deer, turkey, elk, bear and waterfowl, there is sure to be something for every outdoor enthusiast.

Contained in this resource guide are helpful hints that will make your hunting experiences more enjoyable. If you don't hunt and just like to enjoy Michigan's nature, these tips will help keep you and your family safe and informed. There is information on hunting seasons, license requirements, safety tips and much more.

As always, I welcome your suggestions and comments on ways I can help preserve the natural beauty and hunting tradition here in Michigan.

Sincerely,



*John J. Gleason
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2009 Hunting Guides

Before you go out hunting, be sure to visit the DNR online at www.michigan.gov/dnr to access the 2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide. Along with rules and regulations, the Guide contains information on changes in the law, hunting seasons, wildlife diseases, hunting with disabilities and much more. You can also get a printed copy from your local license agent. Here is a list of the 2009 specialty hunting guides that are available online:

[2009 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide](#)
[2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide](#)
[2009 Michigan Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide](#)
[2009 Michigan Fall Turkey Hunting Guide](#)
[2009 Michigan Elk Hunting Guide](#)
[2009 Michigan Bear Hunting Guide](#)

Early Firearm Antlerless Hunt

An early firearm antlerless deer hunting season will take place on private land in some Lower Peninsula Deer Management Units from Sept. 17 through Sept. 21, 2009. The DMUs that will be open are shaded on the map. You must possess a valid private land antlerless deer license or Deer



Management Assistant permit issued for the DMU in which you are hunting to take a deer during this season. You also must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land, and the telephone number of the private landowner is required to acquire a private land antlerless deer license. You may not bait for deer during the early firearm antlerless deer hunting season. All firearm hunters must be 12 or older and must wear Hunter Orange. Youths 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting, and must possess a private land antlerless license or DMA permit and must wear Hunter Orange. Archery and junior archery deer licenses are not valid for this hunt.

DNR Telephone Numbers

Wildlife Bureau517-373-1263
Fisheries517-373-1280
Parks & Recreation517-373-9900
Forest Management517-373-1275
Law Enforcement517-373-1230
Report All Poaching800-292-7800

Hunter Safety Education

- You must take hunter safety if you were born after **January 1, 1960**.
- A hunter safety certificate or previous hunting license is required to purchase any Michigan Hunting License.
- Hunters anticipating an out-of-state hunting trip need to obtain a certificate prior to their trip, as most states require hunters to carry their certificate when hunting and need it to purchase a license.

The hunter safety course is NOT the equivalent of a specific gun safety course and does NOT meet the requirements for Concealed Weapons Permits. Please visit the Michigan State Police website at www.michigan.gov/msp for information on Concealed Weapons Permits.